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Martha Laurens Ramsay to John Kean, December 20, 1788

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Charleston 20th Dec: 1788.

Dear Sir. I should be unpardonable had I willingly or carelessly omitted to answer by the first Opportunity such a Letter as yours. but this has not been the Case, & I am solicitous you should be informed that Saltus sailed a Day sooner than we expected to my very great disappointment & regret.

Indeed my dear Sir, you affect me by Expressions of Gratitude suited only to the reception of some great Favor, & not at all adapted to the Circumstances of our Acquaintance. I can assure you, & this assurance I have often made in our own Family & in your absence, that I had never been with any Stranger, who put me so much at my Ease as M^{rs} Kean, and whose Manners were so perfectly agreeable to me. insomuch that I no longer regard her

as a Stranger, & should feel gratified if our
respective situations would allow me frequently
to enjoy her Society. I only regret that
my own Indisposition prevented my being more con-
stantly with her while you were at our house.

I trust M^{rs} Keen is in better health than
when you last wrote. it is not to be wondered
at, that on such an Occasion, the Emotions of a
mind like hers, should shake a delicate Frame,
but Time - the attentions of a kind Husband -
the Prattle of a dear Child - & ^{the aid of} Religion can
do great things, & reconcile us to what at first
seemed very uneasy situations.

Miss Fubrell desires her Respects to
you, & thanks for your very kind Expressions
in her Favor. Fanny sends her Com-
pliments to you, & many caresses to Master
Keen. The Matrafs & other articles
were safely returned. I am glad to think
they were of any service to you. I say

nothing particular of Dr Ramsay, because I
believe he has written to you by the present
Conveyance.

With great Respect & Friendship

I remain dear Sir.

Your humble servant.

Martha Laurens Ramsay

Mr Ramsay.
Decr 20. 1788

The Honorable
John Keane Esquire.

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